

I claim:

1. A network comprising:
  - a central computer having a memory module for storing a plurality of customized icon configuration files corresponding to a plurality of network users' personal preferences;
  - 5 each of the plurality of customized icon configuration files having specific icons arranged in a specific order based upon the personal preferences of a respective network user; and
  - a plurality of imaging devices coupled to the network, each imaging device having a graphical user interface adapted to display at least one of the plurality of customized icon configurations associated with a current user of the imaging device.
- 10 2. The network of claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface on at least some of the plurality of imaging devices includes a home screen that includes an authentication icon to authenticate the current user.
3. The network of claim 2, wherein activation of the authentication initiates a log-in script to authenticate the current user.
- 15 4. The network of claim 2, wherein the customized configuration file associated with the current user is received by the imaging device upon authentication of the user.
5. The network of claim 2, further comprising at least one additional customized icon configuration file having a default icon arrangement not associated with one particular user.
- 20 6. The network of claim 5, wherein the default icon arrangement includes the authentication icon.
7. The network of claim 1, wherein each network user's personal preferences regarding the arrangement and type of icons to be displayed on a graphical user interface.

8. A method of using an imaging device, the method comprising:  
activating a user authentication script at the imaging device;  
authenticating a first user;  
retrieving a first one of a plurality of icon configuration files, the first one of the plurality of icon configuration files being preprogrammed for the first user;  
5 displaying a first configuration of icons on a graphical user interface corresponding to the first one of the plurality of icon configuration files;  
activating a user authentication script at the imaging device subsequent to displaying the first configuration of icons;  
10 authenticating a second user;  
retrieving a second one of the plurality of icon configuration files, the second one of the plurality of icon configuration files being preprogrammed for the second user;  
displaying a second configuration of icons on the graphical user interface  
corresponding to the second one of the plurality of icon configuration files.

15 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the first one of the plurality of icon configuration files represents the personal preferences of the first user regarding the type and arrangement of icons displayed on the graphical user interface.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the second one of the plurality of icon configuration files represents the personal preferences of the second user regarding the type and  
20 arrangement of icons displayed on the graphical user interface.

11. The method of claim 8, further comprising displaying an icon on the graphical user interface adapted to activate the user authentication script.

12. The method of claim 8, wherein the steps of retrieving a first one of a plurality of icon configuration files and retrieving a second one of the plurality of icon configuration files comprises sending the respective icon configuration file to the device from a central  
25 computer.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of sending the respective icon configuration file is initiated by the script.

14. A method of displaying icons on a graphical user interface of an imaging device, the method comprising:

displaying a home screen having a plurality of icons representing a plurality of operations, at least one of the plurality of icons being related to a specific business operation typically requiring multiple operations to be performed sequentially from the home screen;

selecting the at least one of the plurality of icons related to a specific business operation typically requiring multiple operations to be performed sequentially from the home screen;

10 displaying a first step screen having a first prompt to perform a first of the multiple operations;

displaying a second step screen after the first step screen, the second step screen having a second prompt to perform a second of the multiple operations subsequent to the first prompt, the second prompt being automatically initiated upon the first of the multiple 15 operation being performed and without returning to the home screen.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the business operation typically requires a first document to be scanned according to a first configuration of a scanner and a second document to be scanned according to a second configuration of the scanner.

16. A method of verifying status information on a graphical user interface of an imaging 20 device, the method comprising:

displaying a home screen having a plurality of icons representing a plurality of operations;

selecting the one of the plurality of icons;

initiating a specific operation corresponding to the icon selected;

25 displaying a status information on the graphical user interface, the status information indicating whether the operation was completed successfully, a first indication appears if the operation was successful and a second indication appears if the operation was unsuccessful;

selectively displaying a first screen having a first icon corresponding to the first 30 indication; and

selectively displaying a second screen having the first icon and a second icon corresponding to the second indication, the second icon allowing a user to view further details regarding the unsuccessful operation.

17. A method of verifying information on a graphical user interface of an imaging device,

5 the method comprising:

displaying a home screen having a plurality of icons representing a plurality of operations;

selecting one of the plurality of icons;

initiating a specific operation corresponding to the icon selected;

10 extracting information from a document placed on the imaging device;

displaying at least a portion of the extracted information on the graphical user interface; and

verifying the accuracy of the extracted information displayed.

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